

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-16. (canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A catheter comprising:

an elongated catheter member having a distal end and a proximal end;

a catheter handle secured to the elongated catheter member; and

a platform removably secured to the catheter handle.

18. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 17, wherein the removable platform comprises protruding stabilizers.

19. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 17, wherein the removable platform has a lower surface that is generally curved.

20. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 17 wherein the removable platform is slidably secured to the catheter handle.

21-23. (canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 17, wherein the elongated catheter member includes an inner member and an outer member.

25. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 24, wherein the catheter handle is slidable with respect to the outer member.

26. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 25, wherein the catheter handle includes structure securing the catheter handle to the outer member.

27. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 26, wherein the handle further includes a knob, the knob being slidable with respect to the handle.

28. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 27, wherein the knob is attached to the outer member.

29. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 28, wherein the catheter handle further includes a cutter, the cutter configured within an interior of the catheter handle.

30. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 29, wherein the cutter is slideable with respect to the catheter handle.

31. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 30, wherein the cutter is attached to the knob.

32. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 31, wherein the cutter is slideable with respect to the outer member.

33. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 32, wherein the cutter is configured to longitudinally dissect the outer member.

34. (New) A catheter comprising:
an elongated catheter member having an inner member and an outer member;
a catheter handle having structure which secures the catheter handle to the outer member, the catheter handle being slidable with respect to the outer member;
a cutter in the interior of the catheter handle; and

a platform removably secured to the catheter handle, the catheter handle having a structure which receives a portion of the platform to secure the platform to the catheter handle.

35. (New) The catheter of claim 34, wherein the handle further includes a knob, the knob being slidable with respect to the handle.

36. (New) The catheter of claim 35, wherein the knob is attached to the outer member.

37. (New) The catheter of claim 34, wherein the cutter is attached to the knob.

38. (New) The catheter of claim 34, wherein and the catheter handle includes a track formed thereon and the platform includes grooves which are received within these tracks.

39. (New) The catheter of claim 34, wherein the structure of the catheter handle which receives a portion of the platform allows the platform to be slidably secured to the catheter handle.